sidering my suggestion to call for tenders in allotting the gas agencies.

MR. SPEAKER: Now you can sit down. You have asked the question. The Minister may reply please.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, at the qutset, I would like to say that the suggestion made by the hon. Member is not acceptable to the Government because tendering agencies will mean injustice to the weaker sections, the freedom fighters and handicapped, who are otherwise entitled to have these agencies. We have made reservation for these people and hence the suggestion of the hon. Member is not acceptable to the Government.

[*Translation*]

Special Security Force to deal with Terrorists

*515. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special security force to deal with the terrorists is being raised to limit the deployment of army in terrorist affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps being taken to limit the deployment of army in those areas?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Central para-military forces are being augmented from time to time to help limit the deployment of army. Instructions have also been issued to State Government/UT Administrations to seek assistance of the army only when it is unavoidable.

[*Translation*]

SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, my question was quite clear. Terrorism is spreading in the country like cancer and this malaise is not being given the treatment as should be given to it. That is why the problem is growing day by day. Under the present circumstances does the hon. Minister feel that there is a need of paramilitary forces to combat the growing terrorism. There should be an independent army to combat it. Today the position is that the terrorism is growing day by day. Even an S.P. was killed in Pubjab. In such circumstances is there a need for para-military froces? What does he think in this regard, this is what I want to know from the hon. Minister.

[*English*]

SHRI M.M. JACOB: The present set up of the force is found to be adquate and competent to deal with the situation. But force is not the only answer for combating terrorism in various parts of the country as and when it arises. The para military forces are deployed wherever they are found necessary. Sufficient training is being given and contemplated to be given to the para military forces in combating with the present situation, as and when it is found necessary.

[*Translation*]

SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I have said that we do not want to use army, we want to use para-military forces. Para-military forces of many State Governments are sent to other States than their respective States. This creates problem of language at some place and the problem of culture and system at other place with the result different sorts of riots take place there. As the hon. Minister has said that we are capable and we want to do that. Will any direction be given to State Government which want to raise their own para-

military forces to combat such forces?

[*English*]

SHRI M.M. JACOB: The basic responsibility of meeting the law and order situation including the terrorist menace in any State is primarily that of the State Governments concerned. Whenever the State Governments do feel that adeqate additional forces are required, we provide the central paramilitary forces. If they are prepared to raise their own forces in the States - there is already a scheme by which we used to invite their proposals on the basis of 50 per cent contributions form the State Governments and the rest of the 50 per cent as matching contribution from the Centre - we listen to such requests when it is found extremely necessary to cambat terrorism. It is not the policy of the Government to deploy the army for the day-to-day requirements in the State. Army is used only in a very particular situation when the State Government feels that the para military forces are found inadequate. Only in such a situation the army is called when it is really required.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Mr. Speaker, Sir, what steps are being taken by Government to combat terrorism? The previous Government had formulated a scheme to seal the borders in order to combat terrorism as well as to prevent terrorists from infiltrating from across the border. Has that scheme proved fully successful and how much expenditure the Government of India has incurred on it?

[*English*]

SHRI M.M. JACOB: The infiltration of terrorists, the trained militants into the country from across the border is being checked by the Border Security Force, and by other forces which are deployed in the border area. There is also a monitoring cell in the Home Ministry to undertake periodical monitoring and they are watching the situation very closely. A group is now working to further find out the modalities of effectively compating this situation.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHABAN): With your permission, may I add to it Sir? So far as the border areas and the terrorists crossing from one country to the other is concerned, we have the barbed wire fencing. We have the Border Roads Organisation. We have the Border Observation Posts. All these things are under progress, but in certain areas the progress is slow, there is no denying the fact.

MR. SPEAKER: Now the question relates to raising of the Special Security Force. Let your Supplementaries be relevant to this main question. Now, Shri Pius Tirkey.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please don't make this kind of comments.

[*Translation*]

SHRI PI US TIRKEY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, security force is there in border areas even then terrorism is continuing to spread. Is there any scheme of the Government to impart training to people enabling them to identify terrorists to combat terrorism and thus help Government in combating terrorism in areas where the police force is unable to combat terrorism?

[*English*]

SHRI M.M. JACOB: Sir, it is the desire of the Government that the local people must be involved as far as possible to combat this kind of infiltration by the terrorists, by the trained militants from across the border. But, sir, the suggestion given by the hon. Member is well taken and I don't think there is any other additional thing which needs to be said at this point.

RAO RAM SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a well-known fact that the State of Israel has developed tremendous expertise in the matter of dealing with terrorists. Is there any

proposal with the Government to tie up with Israel on the question of raising and training any special force of commandos to deal with terrorism because of the expertise that Israel has developed?

SHRI M.M. JACOB: There is no proposal at present for tying up with Israel in this particular case.

SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Sir, unemployment of the ex-Servicemen is a very big problem in the country. Is the Government considering employing them as a Special Security Force to deal with terrorism because they have the required training, they have discipline, they have bravery and they have everything will your consider employing them as a special security Force?

[*English*]

SHRI M.M. JACOB: Sir, it is a fact that ex-Servicemen are courageous and bold, but at the same time...

MR. SPEAKER: He is asking about sportsmen.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI M.M. JACOB: I think, ex-Servicemen. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: They have the required training, they know how to use arms and ammunition.

SHRI M.M. JACOB: There is no denying the fact that the ex-Servicemen are really dedicated and competent to deal with the situation, but at the moment the ex-Servicemen are also required for other security duties in various parts of the country. But there also they are not sufficiently available in some places. Some attempts have been made in this regard.

SHRI TINDIVANAM K. RAMAMURTHEE: Sir, terrorism has taken deep roots and more so because of the LTTE. They have got the most sophisticated weapons and wireless materials. They easily cross the sea border of Tamil Nadu which has a long narrow strip of sea. the danger caused by the LTTE activities is on the increase. Very recently the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Miss Jayalalitha, has said on the floor of the Assembly that her life is in danger because of the LTTE terrorists. What is the extent of armed help and monetary help that the Centre propose to render to assist the State of Tamil Nadu to pur down this LTTE terrorism and get rid of it? What are the steps that the Central Government propose to take to put down the menace of LTTE and save Tamil Nadu from terrorism?

SHRI M.M. JACOB: Sir, the Centre is aware of this threat to the Chief Minister and I had already mentioned in one report, the coast guards are there in the coastal areas besides the Tamil Nadu Police. But recently, as per the suggestions made by the chief Minister, Ms. Jayalalitha to the Government of India for additional financial requirement to meet the challenge, we have provided a special assistance of Rs. 10 crores, besides the amount which we give for the modernisation of the police force. She has also demanded some more assistance and we are looking into it.

[*Translation*]

Adoption of Indian Children

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*516. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:
SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian children adopted by the foreigners during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to take any legal steps to ensure, the well-being of children thus adopted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?